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Honorable Jim Chapman Member, House of Representatives P. O. Box 538 Sulphur Springs, Texas 75483 MAR 2 4 1993

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Dear Congressman Chapman:

This is in reply to your letter of February 23, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of your constituent, Jerry K. Collins, Jr., regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992).

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February 23, 1993

Ms. Ellen Rafferty Congressional Liaison Federal Communication Comm. 1919 M Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Ms. Rafferty:

I am writing in behalf of Mr. Jerry K. Collins, Jr. The constituent' address is P.O. Box 251, Sulphur Springs, Texas 75483. Correspondence from Mr. Collins is enclosed for your review and comments.

Any information or assistance you can provide that will be helpful to me in responding to my constituent would be greatly appreciated. I would be grateful if you would forward your response to my District Office, P. O. Box 538, Sulphur Springs, Texas 75483, 903/885-8682, (Lisa Alexander).

With kindest regards, I am

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Sincerely,

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REMARKS: Respond to the attention of Lisa Alexander in the Sulphur Springs, TX office.

February 3, 1993

Congressman Jim Chapman P.O. Box 538 Sulphur Springs, Texas 75482

Dear Congressman.

I am a Funeral Director from East Texas and am writing you today concerning the use of my radio controlled airplane. I have been interested in aviation almost all of my life. Constructing and flying radio controlled airplanes satisfies these interests and gives me something relaxing to get my mind off of my work. I am very active in a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio controlled aircraft.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model aircraft.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model aircraft, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

When we fly our model aircraft under radio control, we go to great lengths

